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SUBJECT: TRIESTE CONFERENCE ON MINORITIES

1.BEGIN SUMMARY. TRIESTE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL LEADER IS ORGANIZ-
ING EUROPEAN MINORITIES CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR LATE MAY.
ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE IS OPPOSED TO CONFERENCE AND HAS MADE
UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO HAVE IT CANCELLED. BOTH EASTERN AND
WESTERN EUROPEAN ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN SOLICITED, BUT APART FROM
YUGOSLAVIA, NO SOCIALIST COUNTRY HAS INDICATED INTENTION TO
PARTICIPATE. END SUMMARY.

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2. ACCORDING OUR CONSUL IN TRIESTE, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (DC)

PROVINCIAL PARTY PRESIDENT MICHELE ZANETTI IS PRIME MOVER BEHIND CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS OF MINORITIES IN EUROPE SCHEDULED FOR LATE MAY IN CITY OF TRIESTE. IDEA FOR CONFERENCE--WHICH HAS BEEN IN GESTATION FOR SOME TIME--REPORTEDLY ORIGINATED WITH LOCAL SLOVENE UNION WHICH SAW IT AS DEVICE TO AIR PAROCHIAL GRIEVANCES TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR DEMANDS OF SLOVENE COMMUNITY. AT SOME POINT WITHIN RECENT MONTHS, DC-ACTIVIST ZANETTI TOOK OVER AS CONFERENCE ORGANIZER--EVIDENTLY IN EFFORT TO BOOST HIS PERSONAL POLITICAL STANDING--AND EXPAND SCOPE OF ENTERPRISE TO INCLUDE MINORITIES THROUGHOUT EUROPE. CONFERENCE HAS BEEN LARGELY BILLED AS ACADEMIC EXERCISE BUT IT APPEARS THAT QUASI-OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT BE UNWELCOME.

3. FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED SUBJECT SAID THAT FONOFF IS OPPOSED TO CONFERENCE AND INDICATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MORO PERSONALLY INTERVENED UNSUCCESSFULLY WITH ZANETTI TO HAVE IT CALLED OFF. FONOFF IS VERY SENSITIVE TO MINORITIES QUESTION AND SEES PROJECTED CONFERENCE AS IDEAL TOOL FOR YUGOSLAV EXPLOITATION OF MINORITIES QUESTION. HOWEVER, FACED WITH FAITH ACCOMPLI AND FEARFUL OF CHARGES OF REPRESSION OF FREEDOM, FONOFF HAS MAINTAINED PUBLIC SILENCE ON PROJECT, WHILE REFUSING TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP AS REQUESTED. FONOFF SOURCE INDICATED THAT MORO IS CONSIDERABLY EXERCISED OVER THE MATTER PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE IRONY THAT ZANETTI IS MEMBER OF MORO'S POLITICAL CURRENT IN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY. FONOFF IS ALSO CONCERNED BY REPORTS THAT ZANETTI INTENDS TO CREATE ONGOING BODY TO KEEP MINORITIES QUESTION ALIVE AFTER CONFERENCE OVER.

4. CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS THUS FAR HAVE INCLUDED ORGANIZATION MEETING--POORLY ATTENDED WE UNDERSTAND--AS WELL AS PROMOTIONAL TRIP BY ZANETTI TO ZURICH, BRUSSELS, BONN, AND VIENNA AND BELGRADE WHERE HE TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE OF ENTHUSIASTIC REACTIONS RECEIVED ALONG THE LINE. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT ORGANIAING COMMITTEE HAS INVITED EASTERN AS WELL AS EWSTERN EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION, WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY ACCEPTANCES FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES APART FROM SEMI-OFFICIAL INSTITUTE IN YUGOSLAVIA. WE ARE ALSO INFORMED THT ORGANIZATION MEETIN WAS ATTENDED BY AMERICAN PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY IRVING GOFFMAN. VOLPE

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